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**ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S
VIRGINIA-LATINO ADVISORY COMMISSION**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 2.2-134 of the Code of Virginia, I hereby establish the Governor's Virginia-Latino Advisory Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission").

The Commission is classified as a gubernatorial advisory commission in accordance with Sections 2.2-134, 2.2-135, and 2.2-2100 of the Code of Virginia. The purpose of this Commission shall be to:

1. Advise the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Latino community in Virginia, and Latin America.
2. Undertake studies, symposiums, research, and factual reports to gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor relative to issues of concern and importance to the Latino community in the Commonwealth.
3. Advise the Governor as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory, or other issues of importance to the Latino community in the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall consist of 21 members to be appointed by the Governor and serving at his pleasure. The 21 members of the Commission shall represent business, education, the arts, and government. At least 15 of the 21 members shall be of Latino descent. The Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Commonwealth, Health and Human Resources, Transportation, and Education, or their designees, shall serve as ex officio members of the Commission. The Governor shall designate the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission shall submit an interim report to the Governor by December 15, 2003, and a final report by September 1, 2004. The reports shall detail the activities of the Commission and make such recommendations to the Governor, as the Commission deems appropriate.

The Governor may appoint additional members to the Commission at his discretion. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation. They may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties upon approval by the Governor's Chief of Staff or his designee.

Such staff support as is necessary for the conduct of the Commission's work during the term of its existence shall be furnished by the Office of the Governor and such other executive agencies as the Governor may designate. An estimated 500 hours of staff

time will be required to support the Commission. An estimated \$10,000 is required to support the work of the Commission. Such funding as is necessary for the term of the Commission's existence shall be provided from sources, including both private and appropriated funds, contributed or appropriated for purposes related to the work of the Commission, as authorized by Section 2.2-135(B) of the Code of Virginia. The Commission shall be able to apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public, quasi-public, or private sources to enable it to better carry out its purposes for the Commonwealth of Virginia and its community.

This Executive Order shall be effective October 7, 2003 and shall remain in full force and effect until October 6, 2004, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 7th day of October 2003.

Mark R. Warner, Governor